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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated August 21, 2008 regarding the above-identified patent application and is the required submittal for a Request for Continued Examination filed this same day.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

A check in the amount of \$470.00 is attached as the required fee for the Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a one month extension of time.